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FLUOROALKANOL-CONTAINING
OLEFIN MONOMERS AND
ASSOCIATED METHODS OF SYNTHESIS
AND USE"**

**By Gregory BREYTA et al.
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Please see the attached **Amendment** for the above-identified patent application.

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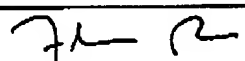
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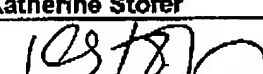
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Title: PRECURSORS TO FLUOROALKANOL-CONTAINING OLEFIN MONOMERS AND
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed October 12, 2006, in which the Examiner required restriction between I-VIII groups of claims which the Examiner describes as follows:

- (I) Claims 1-14 and 70, drawn to an aliphatic fluorinated polyol, classified in class 568;
- (II) Claims 15-27 and 71, drawn to an aliphatic fluoroalkanol ester, classified in class 560.
- (III) Claims 28-35, 39 and 72, drawn to a cycloaliphatic fluoroalkanol ester, classified in class 560.
- (IV) Claims 36-38, 40-43 and 73, drawn to a fluorodihydroxy ester, classified in class 560.
- (V) Claims 44 and 74, drawn to fluorotrihydroxy ester, classified in class 560.
- (VI) Claims 45-49, drawn to a method for making Group I compounds, classified in class 568.
- (VII) Claims 50-56, drawn to a method for making Group II compounds, classified in class 560.

(VIII) Claims 57-69, drawn to a method for making Groups IV or V compounds, classified in class 560.

In response, applicants elect Group II, claims 15-27 and 71, with traverse.

The restriction requirement is traversed because Groups II, III, IV, V, VII, and VIII are all classified in class 560. Furthermore, Groups II, III, IV, and V all correspond to compositions of matter classified in class 560.

According to the MPEP, a restriction requirement is not permissible unless there would otherwise be a "serious burden" placed on the examiner. MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

The Examiner has not explained in any way why the search of claims such as those of groups II and III or IV and V, all classified in class 560, would constitute a burden. Aside from their positions in the patent classification, the close relationship between groups IV and V for search purposes is further shown, for example, by the fact that the Examiner has placed together in Group VIII the claims addressing methods of synthesizing the compounds from both groups IV and V.

For these reasons, it is respectfully be requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement at least as it pertains to groups II, III, IV, and V, allowing those four groups to be prosecuted together in one application and allowing rejoinder of groups VII and VIII to occur when the conditions for doing so are met.

Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at his direct dial (650) 251-7712.

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